

La Jolla Light column
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One month into the city's new mayor/council form of government, I'm happy to report that the transition has been smoother than some had anticipated. The council and mayor are working closely together on financial and community issues. Our new Independent Budget Analyst Andrea Tevlin and her staff are on board, and our two new Councilmen Ben Hueso and Kevin Faulconer have been sworn in. I'm looking forward to working closely with Councilman Faulconer on issues affecting our shared La Jolla community.

Here are some other highlights I want to share with you:

Making Council meetings more citizen-friendly

While the City Council welcomes citizens to attend our meetings and participate in our discussions, we recognize that it can be a frustrating experience. People often have to take off an entire day, not knowing whether their item will be discussed during the morning or afternoon session.

As part of my goal to make the Council more accessible to citizens, the order of business at Council meetings will soon be changing. We'll consolidate non-agenda public comment and special orders of business such as proclamations on Tuesday mornings. Business items will then be considered in the afternoons on Mondays and Tuesdays. This will allow citizens to arrive closer to the time their item will be considered. We hope this will end some of the frustration and wasted time, and encourage more people to join us at our meetings. These changes will go into effect at the end of February.

La Jolla shines in national spotlight

This month, the prestigious Davis Cup tennis competition returns to San Diego County after a six-year absence. From February 10 to 12, the La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club will host the first round of the 2006 Davis Cup, featuring the United States versus Romania. Andy Roddick and the world's best doubles team of Bob and Mike Bryan will defend the U.S. before a sold-out crowd.

It's a great opportunity to cheer on the U.S. team, and to revel in the wonder and awe visitors have for our beautiful community. Who wouldn't want to come enjoy the La Jolla sun and sand while their friends shiver in the cold back home?

La Jolla also played host to the annual Buick Invitational last month, bringing more than 150,000 people and close to \$40 million dollars in economic impact citywide. These events serve as a nice stimulus for our local economy too, as tourists enjoy La Jolla's many fine hotels and restaurants.

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